(ii) *Provident Fund Coverage* : The wage ceiling for coverage under the EPF Scheme has been raised from Rs. 3500/- to Rs. 5000/- p.m. with effect from 1-10 94.

(iii) *EPF rate for Cotton Textile Industry:* The Government has enhanced the rate of PF Contribution from 8.33 per cent to 10 per cent in respect of the Cotton Textile Industry with effect from 1-9-94.

(iv) *Labour Cell in Planning Commission:* A Labour Cell in the Planning Commission has already been constituted.

(v) *DA Slabs in PSUs*: The Government has accepted the recommendations made by the Tripartite D.A. Committee on 23 7-94. The Government have also accepted in principle introduction of a slab system of D.A. in Public Enterprises from 1992. Approval of the competent Authority is being obtained to implement it.

(vi) *Pension Scheme*: A Bill has been introduced in Rajya Sabha for amending the EPF & MP Act, 1952 to enable creation of a Pension Scheme. The some has been referred to the Ministry related Parliamentary Standing Committee.

(vii) *Revival of Sick Units*: A special Tripartite Committee and six Industrial Tripartite Committees constituted by Ministry of Labour are involved in examination/discussion on industrial sickness, restructuring etc.

The remaining demands are in advanced stage of consideration.

Non-payment of EPF by M/s Saran Engg. Co. Limited Kanpur

7672. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Provident Fund Office in Uttar Pradesh has obtained information about non-payment of employees provident fund accounts by the Saran Engineering Company Limited, Kanpur;

(b) whhether it is a fact that the management has not been paying the salaries and wages of the staff and workers of the company for the past three years or so without declarings a lock out; and

(c) what immediate action is being contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The management is reported to have not paid wages to the staff of Head Office, Kanpur since September, 1993. As per information available the establishment which has been registered as a sick unit has been recommended by the BIFR for being wound up. Under the circumstances immediate coercive action against the establishment for recovery of PF dues is not possible.

कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम द्वारा लाभ भोगियों को देय राशियों का भगतान करने में विलंब

7673. **श्री आस मोहम्मद :**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम अपने लाभान्वित सदस्यों को भुगतान करने में काफी देर करता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत दो वर्षों के दौरान राज्यवार ऐसे कितने अधिकारियों के विरूद्ध कार्यवाही की गई है जो इस विलम्ब के लिए जिम्मेदार है ; और